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For

DEVICE FOR ACTUATING AN ELECTRONIC LOCKING SYSTEM AND/OR A LOCK INTEGRATED IN A DOOR,

A FLAP OR THE LIKE, ESPECIALLY IN A

MOTOR VEHICLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

In advance of the first office action, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Replace current claims 1 - 10 by the enclosed amended claims 1 - 10. A marked-up version of amended claims 1 - 10 is also enclosed.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 10 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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> Amended Claims; Marked-Up Version.

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